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1. SUMMARY: UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA
CONTINUED AFTERNOON APRIL 24. SWEDEN, AUSTRALIA AND
DENMARK STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL
WHILE BANGLADESH, TURKEY AND SRI LANKA EVIDENCED ONLY
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GUARDED SUPPORT. NIGERIA DENOUNCED SOUTH AFRICA, WHILE
ETHIOPIA AND MADAGASCAR STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE
WEST AND THE WESTERN FIVE'S PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA
CONTINUED AFTERNOON OF APRIL 24. AMB KAISER OF BANGLADESH
WELCOMED THE WESTERN FIVE'S EFFORTS BUT STRESSED NEED FOR

UN ACTION TO HALT OPPRESSION BY SOUTH AFRICA. HE SUPPORTED SWAPO'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT; HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD BE USED IF NECESSARY.

3. BRIGADIER GARBA, NIGERIA'S COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STATED THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP COULD NOT BE IGNORED, ADDING THAT AFRICAN UN MEMBERS HAD COOPERATED IN ALL INITIATIVES OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION TO SEEK A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN NAMIBIA. GARBA ASSERTED THAT SWAPO HAD MADE CONCESSIONS DEMONSTRATING ITS WILLINGNESS TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WHILE SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT DONE SO. HE THEN REHASHED MANY OF HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS. HE DECLARED THAT "WALVIS BAY REMAINS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA" AND ALLEGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS PREPARING FOR CIVIL WAR IN NAMIBIA. GARBA CALLED FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO IMPOSE MANDATORY SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE CHARTER.

4. MAJOR DAWIT OF ETHIOPIA, IN A STRONG ANTI-WEST STATEMENT, REJECTED THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. HE ASSERTED THAT IT WAS DIRECTED AT THE DISMEMBERMENT OF NAMIBIA BY CARVING OUT WALVIS BAY, WHICH HE AFFIRMED WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. THE WEST, HE LAMENTED, WAS NOT READY TO USE ITS INFLUENCE IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

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5. SWEDEN'S OLA ULLSTEN, MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE BY STATING THAT EVERY POSSIBILITY OF THE INITIATIVE "SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLORED." THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, COULD SEE NO OTHER PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE.

6. AMB RABETAFIKA OF MADAGASCAR, EMPLOYING FURTHER ANTI-WEST RHETORIC, SAID THAT THE WESTERN INITIATIVE WAS AN EFFORT TO DEPRIVE SWAPO OF VICTORY. HE DENOUNCED THE WEST AS THE DEVELOPER OF UN IMPOTENCE. IN CONCLUSION, HE SUPPORTED THE COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA DRAFT DECLARATION IN ITS CALL FOR SANCTIONS INCLUDING AN OIL AND ARMS EMBARGO.

7. AMB TURKMEN OF TURKEY SAID THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PLAN HAD NOT ACHIEVED DISTINGUISHABLE PROGRESS BUT DID REPRESENT A VIABLE PLAN FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, HE SAID, SHOULD PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN NAMIBIA'S TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

8. AMB FERNANDO OF SRI LANKA, SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE

NON-ALIGNED, GAVE BACK-HANDED SUPPORT TO THE WESTERN INITIATIVE, STATING THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY UP TO SWAPO TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSAL. HE APPEALED TO THE UN NOT TO REGARD THE INITIATIVE AS THE BEGINNING OF "ANOTHER INTERNAL SETTLEMENT."

9. AMB ULRICHSEN OF DENMARK, SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC-9, STATED THAT THE NINE BELIEVED THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL REPRESENTED A PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA CONSISTENT WITH RESOLUTION 385. HE SAID THE NINE SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE AND CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND FAIR.

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10. AMB HARRY OF AUSTRALIA REJECTED ANY CLAIM BY SOUTH AFRICA TO NAMIBIA. HE STATED THAT THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL OFFERED "THE BEST CHANCE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION" OF THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, HE CONTINUED, HOPED THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY

ALL PARTIES AS IT OFFERED A CHANCE FOR ATTAINMENT OF
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